JACKSON, MISS.

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BIGGER THAN IT LOOKS."

Our generous neighbor of the Clarion has paid our Comer the best compliment we have had, for which we thank him. He says THE COMET "is bigger than it looks." That is what we would call a center shot. plumb stroke on the nail's head. We have no ambition to print a big paper, but what we want to do is to get a heap in it. In other words, to make it "bigger than

THE Kemper Herald acknowledges that it was frozen out during the late cold spell, and had to skip an issue. However, its types have thawed and it comes out again as usual to gladden its readers.

Hon. J. Ed. Berien, a brother of our townsman, Mr. J. A. Belch, was elected Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives by the Democrats a few days

HON, VAN H. MANNIPO has favored THE COMET with a copy of his speech on the Distribution of the Geneva Reward. We are also indebted to Hon. Charles E. Hooker for a consolidated copy of the speeches of Senators Lamar and Thurman, in reply to

THE flattering reception which THE COMET has received at the hands of its cotemporaries of the Mississippi press has excited our profoundest gratitude. Almost without an acception our friends of the press have extended to us a cordial and friendly greeting. We shall endeavor to deserve their good opinion, and if we do not reproduce their too partial comments it is because we do not wish to lay ourselves open to the charge of egotism.

LT. COLONEL FRED GRANT, with a salary of \$275 a month, has been for the last three or four years conducting a vigoroua campaign at the hotels in Chicago. He has been given two years leave of absence in Euroye-the pay going on all the samein order that he may have a needed rest and recuperate his exhausted energies. It is probably as good an arrangement as the Government could make with Fred, but it is hard on the Chicago hotels

WE desire to repeat that THE COMET is to be run strictly on the cash system. We would be happy if everybody would take a notion to subscribe for it. But it is against our theory of a permanent and successful business to force it upon anybody. If a man takes the paper and pays for it we want him to feel that he gets something for They are impregnable and unanswerable his money. In any case, we want him to be a party to the contract. We want his consent to the arrangement. The practice which prevails to a considerable extent among newspapers of sending their papers without being authorized to do it, and then following it up with a bill, is wrong, and tends more than any other one thing to lower the dignity and independence of the press. We shall not engage in this style of circulating The Comer. A forced circulation is little better than no circulation.

THE COKET will go regularly to thos subscribers who have paid for it in advance, and stop when the time is out, unless renewed. The postage will be prepaid as the law requires, and there is nothing left for the subscriber to do but to receive it from the postoffice. No bill is going to come after it one, two, three, or ten years hence. There is no necessity of notifying the publisher that you can't take it any longer. The paper will stop itself as soon as the time paid for expires, unless it is renewed:

We make this explanation because we have on our list a large number of names whose paper has been paid for by friends friends to the subscribers and friends to The Comet, -and to releive all parties of any apprehension that we are disposed to force THE COMET on them whether they wish it or not.

THE PRIZE POEM.

We had permitted our exp-ctation to run high from the offer of the New Orleans Times for a prize poem expressive of cence of our Northern, Eastern and Westgrand utterance. In common with most people we felt a pang in the final outcome. The poem may be the thing most needed. but it need translating into plain English. The Holly Springs South comes marer expressing our estimate of it than we could do if we tried, and we, therefore, reproduce the South's criticism.

The peem, entitled "Andreweda Unchained." written in number to a prize offered by the New Orleans Times for this best poem expressive of Southern gratitude for liberal benefactions during the epidende, and accepted as such, we are not impressed with as the best which can be offered. To begin with, and as a matter of taste, we hardly needed any Homer or Milton to sour into the sublime on a cubject of donations of money, which, though cortley of all praise, are not unexampled in the bistory of the brotherhood of man. And we may procure such aid in time. almost be sorry that the daughter of Cephens was ever "uncludeed" to make an acto to certain these great masters of verse with any subject less fitting beided and classical excellence, too much like an peru singer inboring for artistic moverities, surpassing the birds at the expense of her throat. This may please scholars and connoisseurs to an extent-but it evidently lacks the inspiration of genius, which, without "o'erstepping the modesty of mature," rises to the requirements of the occasion, and displays the soul and power to move on the masses of nam. We profess no capacity for passing a critical judgment on such a production; but as one of common people, we confer ourselves disappointed It is not without a possible meets however which

councillors of Cork to tenter him a recep-tion was probably inspired from America by Democratic politician, thus ingeniously calling attention to the fact that the recep-tions at Dub'in, Belfast and elsewhere were in his course.

THE LATE EPIDEMIC.

THE CLAMOR FOR AN EXTRA SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

ad GovernorStone's Action About It

There has been a vast amount of un thoughted and wholly undeserved consure upon Governor Stone for his course during the late epidemic of yellow fever in Mississippi. The popular idea at the time was that he ought to do something any how called upon to lay violent hand, upon the State Tressury, or to pledge the State's credit for a loan of some \$59,000 or \$100, 000. When it was found that he could not be induced to attempt an unlawful thing of an extra session of the Legislature. Many of the newspapers lifted their valves and turned all their pressure upon him. A prominent committee of citizens with a portion of the Board of Health summoned him by telegraph from Iuka to Jackson, to hear their potent reasons for some such step. This committee of respectable doctors and citizens seemed to have unbounded faith in their own conclusions and powers of persuasions, and, apparently, considered that the only thing necessary to capture the Governor was to bring him within car range of their forcible arguments. Probably they thought that the Governor had never seen Mr. Street's letter, and that the luminous epistle that dropped off of one of our new brick walls into the Clarion's columns from our own Coursd Lusk, had he didn't know that there was a dreadful epidemic sweeping over the State, and had never given the subject a thought. Howsubject a far maturer consideration than Executive presumption. any of them had-that he was ready to meet them at every p int; and as a result of that ousultation instead of the Committee apturing the Governor, the Governor

In another place we print to-day a pri vate correspondence between Governo Stone and the Hon, J. H. Field, of Columbus, written, as will appear from the dates about the time our trouble was greatest. This correspondence was never intended by either of the parties to it for publication and, perhaps, we violate to some extent a trust in giving it to the public now. But as the people want the truth, and as the letters speak the truth, we risk the displeasure of the writers for the sake of the sound, statesmanly, and genuinely philanthropic sentiments which the letters breathe. Here will be found the reason why Governor Stone did not convene the Legislature, and, in the absence of legislative authority, was not guilty of the folly of attempting to use the State's money and leave nothing more to be said in his defense on that point.

Now let us look at the result of Governo Stone's action, and see whose head was the largest and whose heart was the warmes luring that depressing period.

If the men who clamored for the assen oling of the Legislature had controlled our lestinies at that critical functure the mem bers would have been called together in extraordinary session, and for the sake o the argument we will suppose that a quo rum could have been gotten together in the course of two or three weeks, though that is doubtful. Then another week would go by in organizing and wrangling about the opropriation. Finally, however, we will grant, for the sake of argument only, that they would have passed an act appropriating \$50,000 or \$100,000 from the State. Then would have followed the selection of disbursing committees, and this would take another week. Here is a month or more gone before any relief the Legislature might have consented to give, could possibly have reached the sufferers; mean-time, the victims were dying for the want Year's day. But what I wanted to say, particu

All the Legislature was expected to do or could have done was to appropriate some fifty or a hundred thousand dollars, and this at the fearful cost of a fatal delay, to say nothing of the additional cost of thirty or forty thousand dollars to pay the exour stricken fellow-citizens? Why Vickssouthern gratitude for the noble munifi- burg alone received from charitable sources nearly two hundred thousand dollars. And ern brethren upon the occasion of our she received this munificent sum as her great tribulation and suffering. It was a wants developed the need of it in time to grand theme study, and we looked for a be of solid service. Other stricken com- to swallow this Brookhaven epistle was to open-handed and open-hearted generosity. position that the calling of an extra session tract the following : of the Legislature, for the purpose indicated, was the most senseless and the most cruel thing he could do for our suffering and dying people. It would say to the her programme, was going to take care of scintilations of wit, humor and good sonse. her own sick, and thus turn the opportune golden current of God-like benevolence away from her shores. Such aid as the State could give would be wholly insufficient, and it was a startling impossibility to

Thus, by his firmness and devotion to the than warfare among the gods. The poem strubs and the Constitution and laws of the State, above too infilly on stills, and strains after a far Governor Stone saved to the sufferers in Mississippi hundreds of thousands of dollars during their distress and shielded the from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Notwithstanding the result has so clearly shown the wisdom of Governor Stone in refusing to convene the Legislature during the dark period of the epidemic, my have warranted the choice on the port of better there are yet parties who seem to have of the period better and the period better are are yet parties who seem to have — The World says that the Herald deals Grant and the third term another deadly hlow by pounting out, with happy affectation of indignation, that the refusal of the councillors of Cork that the refusal of the councillors of Cork to tenter him a resonance for all ills present or prospective again with a recommendation for an extra again with a recommendation for an extra assistant to consider the subject of quarantsession to consider the subject of quantitine; the newspapers have opened their racket; and the brick wall member has il-tending Mississippi men that move to other luminated the Hinds County Gazette with States Attorney General T. is a Missis-

means, to prevent the sale of property till the first of next March. If our honorable and wor by friend and townsman had

shown any respect for the law as it stands, or for the Attorney General's opinion, he would have seen that property could not be sold before the fi st of March, and that the letter of Attorney Gen ral Catchings on the subject virtually relieved tax-payers of all damages till that date. And this lotter did not cost the people a cent, whereas the extra session would have cost from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Lastly, and very recently, our without regard to consequences. He was noble General West launches a broadside on the Governor. General West deals in brondsides. He don't write often but when he does he shoots out the charge of a columbiad. He goes down to the profoundest depths of things, and ascends to this kind, a powerful clamor went up for the loftiest points. On this occasion he has undertaken to prove by astrology that we are entering upon a series of dire calamities, and he appeals to the Governor to call an extra session to avert them. What strikes us as the lame feature of General West's argument is that members of our Levislature are not astrologers, and if they met they would probably not know how to go to work to fight against the decrees of

Judge Wiley P. Harcis, when he cataogued the misfortunes that might be in store for our State, declared that "the greatest of all these would be the assembling of the Legislature." We agree with him. There is not now and has not been since the last adjournment any sufficient reason for an extraordinary session of the-Legislature. The people by a large maescaped him. Perhaps, they imagined that jority have only just voted for biennial essions, and for the Governor, in the face of this recent expression of the popular will, and in the absence of a well defined wer, when he met them to consult about it necessity, to nulify their act, would be to they found that he had given to the whole say the least of it, a tremendous stretch of

THE COMET.

WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT.

A prominent and leading citizen of Holly Springs, says: "Send me your Comer, and rest assured of my hearty co-opera A valued friend at Grenada writes: "Find

nclosed \$2 for the Comer. I will bring the paper to the attention of our people, and doubt not you will get a good number of subscribers at this point." An enthusiastic gentleman in Meridian

exclaims: "The Comer forever, Send her along, and mark me down for a club A life-long friend in the Southern part of

the State writes: "The Comer deserves a brilliant success, and it shall have a good circulation in my district if I can influence We could quote several columns of simi-

ar expressions from private letters, but this will do. We will be pardoned, however, for publishing the subjoined congratever, for publishing the subjoined congrat-ulatory note from one of our fair ladies of New Mexico.—New Orleans Times. Jackson. The letter is anonymous, and we are compelled to break over an old newspaper rule to get it before the public. But we don't mind that in a case of this sort. Here it is :

Jackson, January 11, 1879.
Will Col. Cooper accept the sincers congestulation
of a lady friend upon the successful advent of the to abstract a golden shower from appreciative of servers. It must be a success, for however rapid, lofty or creatic its flight, it will surely not fly for but Fleet.

Here now follows an expression from hard subject in Brookhaven.

BROOKHAVEN, MISS., January 13, 1879. DEAR COOPER. We in the "pliney woods" have eason to be proud, especially in this dear town of ars. In the first place, we didn't have any yellow fever; in the next place we did have Christma Then we had the loveliest snow that ever snowed i arly, was, last but not least of all good things. TITE gratification of quite a goodly number of our devoted citizens. What I mean by devoted is devo-tion to the Comer, or rather in many respects to it editor. They, the people, believe he, the Comm man, has many good traits, although he may have some stmits. But be that as it may we hope you much success in your new beginning in your old en penses of the extra session. What sort of terprise, and trust that your tail-I mean the tail relief could this paltry sum have given to | of THE COMET-may hang as long and be as brilflant as its proprietar may desire. You can send it o me always on the terms you mention, nover to lien a fellow for it.

DESTAMINE.

The only way we could possibly consent munities met with the same timely and sandwich it between two charming notes from the hands of fair ladies. From a Governor Stone planted himself on the lady in Hazlehurst we are permitted to ex-

"Among the papers sent was THE COMBT.
Whenever they make their appearance, comets create a greater stir and attract more attention tha all the galaxy of stars in the firstament, nor is this charitable world that the State of Missis-sippi, if you gave her a month to mature it will long illumine. Mississippi with its parkling

THE BENNTLINE CASE.

The Defendant Convicted of the Crime-Beath the Only Penalty.

The case of the State against Joseph Benote has been an trial in the Criminal Court for three days, and was concinded yesterday at 12 o'clock by best interests of the people, as well as to death penalty affixed. Beasteine was charged with b committing a rape upon the body of a little leish orphan girl, aged foreteen, by the name of Annie tagus. The defendant was represented by thus able criminal lawyers, General Horrigan and General Wright, and the State by Attorney General G. taxpayers from an additional burthen of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty of the defendant labored carnestly and with great ity, contesting the ground inch by tech. So far as horseable professional duty they left no stone inturned the turning of which could possibly tend inturned the terring of which could possibly tend to extricate their client from the coils of the law, but their most ingentions efforts were vain. The specifies of the lawyers on both sides of thereas were able and eloquient, but especialty is it very generally admitted that the special of Attorney recommal Torney was one of the most eloquient and most powerful efforts in vindication of law and inmocent ever delivered by an attorney in this city. Attorney General Turner's influte to the bonor of Irish gentlament and the mutuated purity of Irish Islico, was a beautiful as it was true, and his peroration descriptive of the crime and the hideousness of delethant's guilt, was simply theilling.—Memphia Araiamelie.

We are always gratified to see success atone at Dub'in. Belfast and elsewhere in in his manner, put up by Republican a beaut ful column of pretty writing to show sippi boy and we rejoice in the good name that the extra session should be had by all and reputation he is making.

CURRENT NEWS.

-TENNESSEE owes a dobt of twent -four -New Orleans, January 15: The Times

one thousand negroes will emigrate this winter from Hinds and Madison counties to Kansas.

has received an order from the Russian Government for seven immense electric

M. Martin, of New Orleans, have pur-chased the Beersheba Springs, in Tennessee. -It is feared that the orange orchards of unprecedented severe weather.

-By a resolution of the Tennessee Sen-

—Senator Sharon appeared in his seat in as Senate last week for the first time in

two years.

s. Spears for the office of Treasurer of Warren county, which was set for last Tuesday, by mutual agreement has been postponed to the first Monday in February ext, and the jury discharged. -A Memphis, Tenn., dispatch of the

—A Memphis, Tento, dispatch of the 14th, states that at a meeting of the Gen-eral Council Monday night, resolutions favoring the repeat of the city charter passed both Boards.

tories on the 1st instant, was \$46.868.

W. Sharp, Constable.

into the Treasury than is going out. Let-ters from sub-Treasurers show a popular preference for greenbacks. -Pinchback, who is editing a newspape

groes may yet be led to vote the Democratic ticket in order to preserve their rights.— New York Post. -Myra Clark Gaines is only 71, and expects to live to be as old as one of her aunts. Why, before the dear old thing is

-Alfred Ballard, a negro, was converted to Methodism in Jackson, Tenn. He con-ceived that his mission was to reform gamlers, and he became insane on the subject Deshing into a faro room, he shouted, "Death to all gamblers!" and shot the deal-

-th steelerburg senverm eaptial pun-ishment had been abandoned for twenty years, the Grand Dake having commuted all sentences, but owing to the increase of serious crimes, this practice has been given

sissippi, is one of the most polished ora-tors. S. S. Cox and Eugene Hale, are the tors. S. S. Cox and Eugene Hale, are the readiest orators; Kelley, Ewing and Crit-tenden, are the financial orators; and

business legitimately, and that in future he would issue a fine of \$300 against every person convicted of selling liquor without license, and coafine them in the county juil until the fine is not until the fine is paid. -Chicago, January 13: A Military Court

day with open doors, but reporters are not allowed to take notes of the proceedings. The only important action of the first ses-sion was a decision to summon Whitaker, who made the charges against Reno. -An Alabama farmer sold a bale of cotton

Fuscaloosa Times philosophically remarks: 'It looks to us as he got out cheap.

Advices from western Texas report heavy mortality among the cattle and sheep in consequence of the recent severe weather. The Galveston News says: "It is impossible to estimate the less, but that it will be serious in the aggregate, amounting to a calamity to stockmen, cannot be doubted. A freeze of a few days duration on the bread prairies of Texas is something that may tell in its effect mon the weather of the may tell in its effect upon the wealth of the

-There are now twenty-six State Legis--There are now twenty-six State Legis-latures in session, Mississippi, in conse-quence of the constitutional amendment adopted in 1577, providing for bienetial ses-sions of the Legislature, not b ing of the number. Democratic Senators will be elected in Arkansas, Indiana, Florida, Mary-

complished the unprecedented feat of walking 2700 quarter miles in 2700 quarter
hours. It will probably next be in order
for some woman to set a given handred of
qualls, or so many thousand oysters, or
perform some other equally nonperform some other equally nonfeat and thus celupse the fair Anderson, or
the world will become flat, stale and unprofitable to metropolitan civilization.—
New Orleans Times.

-Fifteen hundred men are engaged in a

Hazlehurst special reports the faiure of B. Daniel & Co. Liabilities \$70,000.

-It is estimated that the recent cold map injured railroad business in the North the extent of \$32,000,000 by stopping trains, splitting mils, etc. -The Raymond Gazette says that fully

-A locomotive shop in Patterson, N. J.,

-General Charles E. Smedes and Mr. J.

-The sub-Treasury in New York, has now in its vaults \$108,407,396 in gold, \$6,558,448 in silver and \$45,774,709 in

ate the salary of the Governor and Su-preme Judges of Tennessee is fixed at §3,000 per annum.

-The yearly consumption of various kinds of chewing gum in the United States amounts to one hundred tons; so says an -The contested election case of Hazlett

-Washington, January 15: The aggregate amount of balances on loan account in coin standing to the credit of the United States Treasury in National bank deposi-

—At the municipal election in Summit, held last Monday, Jas. C. Laukin was elected Mayor; Wm. Saulsbury, J. H. Mills, H. Hiller, C. W. Beam, Aldermen; S. A. Matthews, Justice of the Peace; J. W. Shan Contable

—In the Cabinet meeting of the 14th inst., financial affairs were under discussion. Sherman showed that more gold is coming

n Louisiana, says that the first effort a the disfranchisement of the colored voters will come from the North, and that the ne-

100 she'll own all America and the Canadas,

-In Mecklenburg Schwerin, capital pun

vened Mondey, and in his charge to the Grand Jury, Judge Young said he intended to protect the retail liquor dealers who do

of Inquiry into the responsibility of Major Reno for the Custer massacre, convened to-

at 64 cents the other day, receiving \$30.50, and found afterwards that the cultivation had cost him 6 cents a pound, which, with the picking, ginning, packing and handling, left him just \$10 in debt on the bale. The

-Washington, January 13: The funeral obsequies of the late Gustave Schleicher were very imposing—the Supreme Court, the President and Cabinet, Senate and the President and Cabinet, Senate and House paying reservatial respect to the de-cessed Congressman. Services were conlucled by the Chaplain of the House assistdo by the Chaplain of the House assist-ed by the Chaplain of the Senate, at the close of which a mournful cortege followed the remains to the depot. The seat of the dead Representative in the House was draped in mourning to-day.

land. Louisiana, Missouri and North Caro-lina, and Republican Senators will be elected in Connecticat, Colorado, Kan as, Illinois, New York, Sveata, Pennsylvanio, Wisconsin and New Hampshire. And now Madame Anderson is the

heroine of the day with the New York and Brooklyn "fancy," as she successfully ac-complished the unprecedented feat of walk-

The annual statement of the precious metals produced in the S ates and Territo-ries west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia, and the receipts in San Francisco from the west coast of Maxico during 1878, show the aggregate product to be as follows: Gold, \$38,956,231; silver, \$38,746,391; lead, \$3,452,000—the total being less by \$17,267,132 than for 1877.

-The Boston authorities recently for -The Boston authorities recently income bade a Sunday concert, although it was advertised as sacred, and all attempts to give entertainments on Sunday are quickly repressed. The Mayor of Philadelphia is repressed. The Mayor of Philadelphia is now rigidly enforcing the Sunday law in cases of variety show managers. In the larger Western cities the question is being agitated, but it is averred that the custom of opening the theaters on Sunday is not contrary to law and is growing in popular

-Halana Montana January 9: On De —Helena, Montana, January 9: On December 27 a mail driver named Casey drove from Sun River in a mail cart for Port Benton. Not reaching Twenty-eight Mile Springs Station, half way to Bentoa. and a blinding snow storm prevailing at the time, it was supposed that he was lost and a search was made. On the 5th inst, Casey was discovered seated in the cart, which the horse was drawing slowly along, about twenty miles north of Springs Station, During all this time he had wandered on the prairie in nearly a circle, picketing his horse and camping out at night. His feet were frozen, but it it is believed not seriously, and that he will not lose his limbs. The only things that passed his lips were tobacco and snow. The thermometer during the time was below zero.

—A corespondent of the New Orleans
Christian Advocate, writing from Hazlehurst says: We were gratified to meet
Mrs. Julian Hays of Baltimore, President
of tht Women's Missionary Society of the
Methodist Episcopal Church. South, Sister
Hays was present to promote this special
work of organizaing Woman's Missi mary
Societies, and to give aid and counsel in
this most important enterprise. The folthis most important enterp ise. The following organization was effected: President, Mrs. Chas. B. Galloway, Vickaburg; Vice Presidents, Mrs. W. E. M. Linfield, Hazlehurst, Miss Ollie Watkins, Jackson, Miss Nannie Heard, Brookhayen, Mrs. R. S. Woodward, Natchez: Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. L. C. Hunnicutt; Re-cording Secretary, Mrs. Annie Linfield, Hazlehurst; Treasurer, Mrs. Annie DeMoss.

-The late Constitutional Convention o Georgia adopted some rather stringent, and as the result shows, very improper measures against delinquent taxpayers. Under the old Constitution all persons who did not pay their poil tax were refused a right to vote, but the new Constitution goes further and extends the disqualification and dis-franchises all citizens who had not paid all their back taxes in full. "Last week," says an exchange, "an election for county offi-cers in Georgia showed what effect this provision had upon the voting strength of the State. It was found that hardly fifty per cent, of the population had paid taxes, and that consequently half the voters of the State were completely disfranchised. It is stated by an exchange, and is doubt-less true, that nearly all the men thus disfranchised are whites. Few of the colored men own property, and therefore their only tax was \$1 poll tax, and this they could easily pay or find candidates to pay for them. With the small white farmers and land-holders it was different; many of them found themselves unable to pay their taxes promptly, and were denied the right to vote in consequence. The first test of this section of the new Constitution has made it very unpopular in Georgia, and there is plaintiff and her husband, M. J. Hall as her husband, M. J. Hall as her an earnest demand for its repeal or modifi-

A Republican Senator's Views. The Herald's Washington correspondent reports a very prominent Republican as aying: "If the Republican party had a leader it might regard itself as certain of victory in 1880, but it should be a leader who would lead, who would march forward instead of backward. The notion that Grant is the best man for the party is absurd. His nomination would signify country, it is because he is hampered by bors. S. S. Cox and Eugene Hale, are the readiest orators; Kelley, Ewing and Criticalle to give full effect to the intention with able to give full effect to the intention with which he began. On the old platform, Grant is stronger than Conking, Blaine, — Circuit Court for Warren county convened Mondry, and in his charge to the Grand Jury, Judge Young said he intended the contest; but with a new policy, such as the Republican party ought to present, ad-equate to the wants and situation of the country, Grant is impossible.

Washinoron, January 14.—The agricultural report for December shows that the corn season closed by a marked improvement in the condition of the crop. The aggregate of the crop for 1878 is larger than that of 1877, some thirty million lendals.

The oat crop exceeds that of last year, constituting it the largest crop ever reaped in the country. The Southern coast States, from North Carolina to Texas, uniformly increased their product, but the Southern inland States as a whole fell off. The hay crop is twenty per cent, greater

than last year.

The sorghum crop is receiving increase attention, and on the Atlantic and Gulf

coasts there is considerable increase.

The tobacco crop has been secured under exceptional auspicious conditions of weather; the bright open days of September favoring growth, while the unusual delay of severe frost enabled the plant to mature thoroughly before the knife was applied.

The Hangman's Record for 1878. Ninety-six murderers were hanged in the

United States during the past year, which is an increase of 13 compared with the previous year. All were men; 40 were white, 52 colored, 2 Indians and one a Chinaman; 5 were hanged for outrage, 4 for wife nurder and 1 for filicide; there were 7 double executions, 4 triple and 2 quad-ruple. More were hanged on Friday than all the other days combined, the number 70 and 22 were hanged in March. Southern States had 70 per cent, of all the hanging, and nearly two-thirds of the vicnanging, and nearly two-thirds of the vic-tims were negroes. In the list of States Texas comes first with 10, Louisiana 2, South Carolina 8, Alabama 8, North Caro-lina 8, Pennsylvania 6, Missouri 5, Georgia 5, Arkansas 4, Tennessee 4, California, 4, New York 3, Kentucky, Montana, Delaware, Virginia, Ohio, Maryland and Mississippi, each two; Massachasetts, New Hampshire, Indiana, Nevada and Arizona, each one.

What Milsson Werrs.

Nilsson wears a diagonal cutaway coat, vest to match, standing shirt-collar, plain starched linen shirt front, neektie, with horseshe pin stuck in it. She wears no petticoats whatever, but buckskin breeches: and over these is a plain, untrimmed skirt of plaid or gray goods, so tightly drawn backwards that her lower limbs are almost as clearly defined as a man's are in tronsers. A tweed hat, or a beaver, is the headgear. For evening dress the all black broadcloth, with white tie, is assumed; for morning and travelling a rough pen-jacket and skirt of coarse texture. This is given on the authority of Olive Logan. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Monday, January 13, 1879.

Reported Weekly by Jenkius & Little Attorneys at Law.

A. E. REYNOLDS, ET AL. VS. [No. 2645.] SAMUEL GWENN, ET AL.

Defendants in error sued plaintiffs in er ror on promissory note. Pleas of general issue and payment, with bill of particulars were filed. Plaintiffs (below) after the time allowed, and without leave of the Court, filed two replications setting up the statute of limitations to defendants' plea of payment and bill of particulars. Defendants rejoined that the plaintiffs were, fendants rejoined that the plaintiffs were, during the transactions between the parties, and still are, non-residents of the State. Plaintiffs filed a sur-rejoinder setting up that more than three years had elapsed from the commencement of plaintiffs' action to the date of filing the set off by the defendants, to which defendants demurred, which demurrer was overruled. Defendants filed rebutter that at the time of commencement demurrer was overruled. Defendants filed rebutter that at the time of commencement of this suit, plaintiffs were absent from the State and so continuously remained to the present time. Plaintiffs filed a sur-rebutter alleging that from the commencement of the suit to the time of filing defendants. of this suit, plaintills were assent from the State and so continuously remained to the present time. Plaintiffs filed a sur-rebutter alleging that from the commencement of the suit to the time of filing defendants' plea of payment and setoff, plaintiffs have not been absent from the State but have been present in court to maintain their rights. I sue was then joined. ights. Issue was then joined.
The evidence showed that the plaintiffs

were, at the time of the commencement of the suit, non-residents of the State, and so continued during the pendency thereof,

The trial resulted in a verdict and judgment for plaintiffs.

Held: Held:

1 The pleading should have stopped with a replication to the plea of payment.

2. The replications being pleaded without leave of Court or Judge, upon the required. affidavit, the defe dants were "entitled to judgment as for want of the proper pleat

3. The replications were bad because they reply the statute of limitations to the plea of payment.

4. The demurrer to the surrejoinder

thou'd have been sustained and extended to he r plicat ons for their insufficiency. 5. The time of limitation of a set off is to be computed as if an action had been commenced, therefor, at the time when the plain iff's action was commenced.

Judgment reversed, demurrer to the sur-

viot der sustained, and extended to the

replications, and sustained, and leave granted to reply to the pica of payment. JULIA A. HALL, VS. [No. 2909.] WM. H. CLOPTON, EX'R of JAMES HAUGHTON, dec'd.

Suit was brought by plaintiff against Clop ton, Executor of James Haughton, deceased on certain promissory notes signed by the latter as surety for his brother La-fayett Haughton, which was resis ed by defendants on the ground that the notes had been executed and were accepted by

plaintiff several months before he signed as paintiff several moutas before a signed as surety, and that there was no consideration for his signing. It was contended by plain-tiff that legal proceedings were about to be commenced against Lafayett Haugh on, and that in consideration of forbearance to sell, and extension of time of payment by plaintiff, to L. H., defendant became surety plaintiff, to L. H., defendant became surely of his brother. Plaintiff assigned for error that the Court erred in giving certain in-atructions asked by defendants in error, and

1. We cannot discover that there was an onflict as to the fact that James Haughton conflict as to the fact that James Haughton signed the notes upon a promise of forbear-ance by the creditor to institute suit against Lafayett Haughton, and that such forbears ce was actually given. The act of the payee's agent in obtaining the name of J. H. as surety, though without authority from L. H. agreeing to forbear to sue, affords a valid consideration if extended at the instance of the party newly bound to some other person already bound.

bound to some other person already bound.

2. The loss of time to Hall and the conserions crimes, this practice has been given up, and one execution has already been performed.

—Harper's Weekly says: Of debaters in Congress, General Garfield is by many regarded as the strongest. Hooker, of Missiasippi, is one of the most polished orases. S. S. Cox and Enganded Halo are the local serious description of the country simply that the party does not th as a benefit to the debtor. If it be true,

3. It was not competent for plaintiff and her husband to testify as to what was said between themselves in the absence of said between themselves in the absence of defendants, but it was competent to state that Mrs. Hall, refused to receive the notes of Lafayett H without securety. It was also competent for the hasband to testify that he acted as the agent of his wife and in accordance with her instructions in making demand for security. These are verbal acts which constitute part of the res gestae. The question as to the compe-tency of Mrs. Hall as a witness to establish her claim against decedent was not raised in the Court below nor in this Court. Judgment reversed. Judgment reversed.

B. L. FRIERSON, ADME.] J. C. RUGLE, ET UX.

J. C. Ruchi, by Ux.

The motion by appelless to dismiss the appeal in this cause because the appeal bond is signed and scaled by the attorney of appellant, is overruled. The Court saying or calming to have, say right, title or in ing "we assume in this Court that the attorney was duly authorized to sign the appeal bond for his principal. Moreover the bond for his principal. ing "we assume in this Court that the attorncy was duly authorized to sign the appeal
bond for his principal. Moreover the
appellant is prosecuting his appeal in this
Court obtained by a bond executed in the
manner complained. He would not be
heard to question its obligation on himself.
The question as to the authority of the
attorney to bind his principal cannot be
raised by motion but must be formally prescated, so that the issue may be investigated sented, so that the issue may be investigated whether the attorney had power to represent his principal in the act."

The bond given in this suit on appeal is for costs and it was improper to issue supersedea, and it is discharged. 2484 - H. Mitchell et al., vs. Tishominge

Savings Institution. Not a delay case, and remanded to docket.

J. M. Thomson vs. A. H. Taylor. Reversod and bill dismissed.
2826—E. F. Needum vs. N. A. Crocket et al. Affirmed. Crocket et al. Affirmed.

2647—Paul D. Owens vs. F. S. and Sue A
Belcher. Affirmed.

2640—Esinh Bell vs. State Mississippi,
Writ of error quashed and new writ.

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Writ of error quashed and new writordered here.

2751—Wm. A. Belew vs. E. A. Jones et al.
Motion to dismiss for want of proper appeal bond denied.

2829—W. T. Turner vs. D. F. & P. R.
Lilly. Affirmed.

2891—T. H. Sanders vs. Tishomingo Savings Institution. Affirmed.

2843—Eliza Morris et al., vs. Harriott E.
Dennis et al. Affirmed.

2759—John Hodges vs. H. M. Sullivan.
Affirmed.

Affirmed. 2758—Thomas N. Davis vs. H. C. Avant Citation ordered

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They were playing a game of euchre together when she esseally remarked:

So you take my heart, da you?

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And the game was up.

[Cards, of course.]

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Mr. L. L. Ledbetter, living within mile of this place, killed a hog that weighe after it was dressed 1,008 pounds. One of the hams closely triumed weighed 11 pounds. This is a fact that can be said stantiated. Do you call?—Topiel Jones.

stantiated. Do you call?-Tupela Journa

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